

FROM THE DESK OF
MARY WAHLBERG

October 21, 1974

Dear Bill,

The book and paperweight arrived today in excellent condition — guess it didn't fall out of an airplane. I was just amazed at the pristine condition of both.

Enclosed please find my check of \$11.38.

Again, Bill, many thanks.

Sincerely,

MARY

W.M. H. CLAPPER

P.O. Box 1573

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

57101

COLLECTOR OF MERCHANT TRADE TOKENS

* I collect the following catagories; S.D. by TOWN;
* Old Livery, Dray & Transfer; Old Military; Circus;
* Real Estate; Brewery; CHILDS-CHICAGO; CHAS. PICK &
* CO.-CHICAGO; Old & rare advertising tokens. NO
* MODERN MATERIAL EVEN CONSIDERED -

* Member: TAMS #1850 -- METCA #25 -- AVA #1094

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October 3, 1974

Dear Mary:

Ag suggested that I write to you if I found anything on Lindberg. I have a number of people who hunt tokens for me and at times when I have the wants of other collectors I have them look.

Last night one of them appeared with a book and a paper weight. The paper weight is retangular glass with a full colored bust of Lindberg. It is in perfect condition. The picture is in his full flight outfit.

The book is, "The Lone Scout of the Sky" by James E. West/Chief Scout Executive., Boy Scouts of America. Copyright, 1928 and has many pictures including a picture of the various medals that were issued, pictures of his plane, instrument panel, etc., etc.

I would want \$10.00 for the two plus postage and minimum insurance. That is just what they cost me. Ag is a friend of mine so don't want to make anything on the two items.

Ag and I have dealt with each other for several years and while we have never met we seem to know each other quite well.

in excellent condition

Regards,

Bill

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October 12, 1974

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your letter of the 8th. Your package is being mailed in the morning along with this letter.

That has to be the worst package I ever wrapped. Anyway, it should arrive O.K. unless they drop it from the plane in flight.

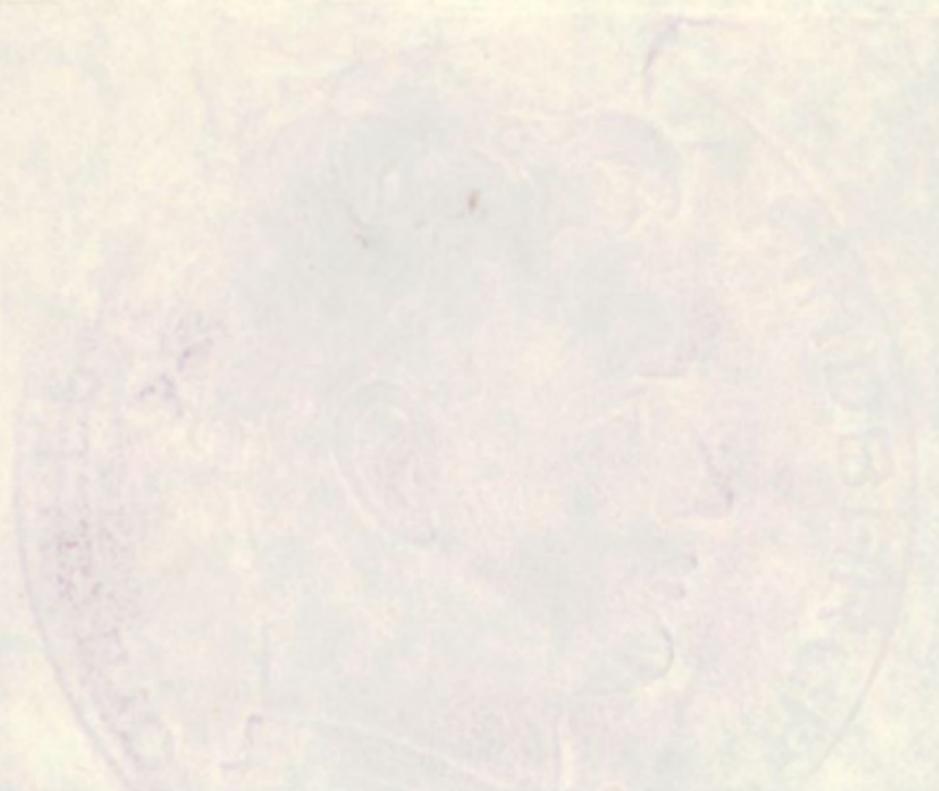
I will keep my eyes open for things you can use. Will be in about a dozen states for week stays during the next few months and will have opportunity to look around.

Will let you know the minute something else shows up.

Regards,

Bill

P.S. Appreciate you offer to look for items I can use in the token field.



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COLLECTOR OF MERCHANT TRADE TOKENS

* I collect the following trade tokens: N.D., S.D.
* & Nebraska; Circus, Show & Carnival Tokens; Cigar
* Advertising tokens; Old Military and nice old
* tokens of the western states.

* Member: TAMS #1850 - - METCA #25 - - AVA #1094

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February 24, 1977

Dear Mary:

Enclosed is a nice old Bronze piece that I think I paid to much for, except that I guess they are rare.

I bought this from a coin dealer in Gettysburg, S.D. The old crook charges to much for tokens, medals, etc. but does know a lot about them. I deal with him because he comes up with good stuff.

He had \$65.00 on this and I managed to get him down to \$45.00 and he would go no further. All the way home I talked to myself.

Anyway, would have to have \$45.00 plus postage and insurance. I won't even try to make a dollar on this.

Sorry I could do no better and hopefully I'll find you things that are more reasonably priced.

Regards,

Bill

PS. This is my third attempt to impress this. The paper keeps slipping so hope you can read this O.K.

March 16, 1977

Dear Mr. Clapper:

Received your letter today with the Lindbergh token tracing.
Nice to hear from you again.

Your letter seems to have been on a journey of its own these past few weeks -- I know not where. The cancellation date on the envelope is indistinguishable but I note the letter itself is dated February 24th. Your letter showed up today in pretty bad condition; i.e., it had been torn open and resealed with scotch tape, and it was crumpled like it had been caught in the cancellation machine -- yet, no notice to this effect as is customary by the P.O.

Since you were so kind to obtain the Lindbergh token for me, I will take a chance along with you -- I've never seen this one before -- that it is indeed a rare piece. Let's hope so as this sort of material is out of my league.

My main hobby is Lindbergh stamps and covers -- tokens are just a side-line specialty.

I will send you my check for \$45 now, and I'll send another to cover postage and insurance when the amount is known.

My best regards,

Mary Wahlberg
1671 San Lucas Road
Palm Springs, CA 92262

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I appreciate you acquiring the Lindbergh token for me, but I can't use it as I already have one. Bought mine some time ago from another collector (don't recall the price), however, I do remember that at the time I thought I was paying too much for it but he said that this token was "kinda scarce".

I hope you aren't stuck with this token and can return it, or perhaps it can fit into your scheme-of-things collectable.

My best regards,

Mary Wahlberg
1671 San Lucas Road
Palm Springs, CA 92262

FROM THE DESK OF
MARY WAHLBERG

November 27, 1974

Dear Bill,

The "Lucky Lindy" piece arrived in fine shape. You're right -- it's a beauty! Many thanks.

Sure appreciate your continued concern and interest in trying to locate more "exceptional" Lindbergh items for me.

Still haven't found anything in your field, but still looking.

Again, Bill, thank you very much.

My best,

MARY

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Wm. H. CLAPPER

P.O. Box 1573

Sioux Falls, S.D.

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COLLECTOR OF MERCHANT TRADE TOKENS

* I COLLECT THE FOLLOWING: NEBRASKA, NORTH & SOUTH
* DAKOTA, by town. OLD LIVERY, DRAY AND TRANSFER
* TOKENS; OLD MILITARY TOKENS; BREWERY TOKENS; OLD
* AND UNLISTED REAL ESTATE TOKENS.

* Member: TAMS #1850 -- METCA #25 -- AVA #1094

November 23, 1974

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your letter and check of the 20th. The "Lucky Lindy" piece is enclosed.

You sure did pick a tough category to collect. In checking with the various collectors that I trade with I found that none of them have anything to trade. They just don't find the pieces except in the one common category which I'm sure that you have.

I'm looking for the exceptional pieces for you. The common pieces can be picked up almost any time.

Just got a letter from Ag. Trying to help him run down some CCC camp tokens.

Anyway, I will keep looking and hopefully I'll find other interesting pieces you are able to use.

Why didn't you pick something easier like token manufacturer sample tokens (Ha! I have a couple of these) or something that would not be so tough - Ha!

Regards,

Bill

C O P Y

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October 8, 1974

William H. Clapper
P. O. Box 1573
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101

Dear Bill:

Thank you for writing to let me know of the Lindbergh paperweight and book which you have available.

Yes, I would indeed like to acquire both items, and I appreciate you letting me have them at your price plus postage and insurance -- a most generous gesture. If agreeable to you, when the material arrives and I know the exact amount of postage and insurance fees to be added, I will mail a check immediately by return mail.

As my father-in-law has no doubt informed you, I specialize in anything Lindbergh, e.g., medals, covers, souvenirs, historical articles, photos, books, memorabilia, etc., etc., etc. -- however, no modern material.

Should you ever run across any items you might think would fit into my scheme of things collectable, I would certainly appreciate hearing from you again. Also, in the future, I will be on the lookout for any of YOUR "needs" (as taken from your letterhead) as I rummage through those places where one finds such things.

Again, Bill, many thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mary Wahlberg
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Palm Springs, CA 92262

W.M. H. CLAPPER
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COLLECTOR OF MERCHANT TRADE TOKENS
IT IS MY DESIRE TO PRESERVE THE OLD TRADE TOKENS
OF OUR FORMER MERCHANTS - - -
I have been collecting trade tokens for almost
ten years - - I am a collector, not a dealer.
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April 14, 1976

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your letter and check. The Lindy pin is
enclosed and I'm sure that you will see the condition as
I mentioned.

Hope it arrives O.K. - packed it so that it should.

Will continue to keep my eyes open for your needs.

Regards,

Bill

April 23, 1976

Dear Bill,

The Lindbergh pin arrived in excellent shape. It's a beauty just like you described.

Again, many thanks.

Regards,

MARY

FROM THE DESK OF
MARY WAHLBERG

November 20, 1974

Dear Bill,

You're right, that "Lucky Lindy" piece is indeed a jewel! My check is enclosed.

Lately, you've been my only source for any new Lindbergh material. Fine pickin's for me, too, I might add. Keep them coming.

I certainly do appreciate your interest and thoughtfulness. Many thanks.

Regards,

MARY

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 * North Dakota and Nebraska by town; Old Livery,
 * Dray & Transfer tokens; Old Military; Brewery; Real
 * Estate; Bank and old advertising tokens.

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* Member: TAMS 1850 -- METCA #25 -- AVA #1094

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November 15, 1974

Dear Mary:

I just found you a jewel!

This piece is in brass and in beautiful condition. The collector
 who had it cleaned it and it is almost like mint condition.

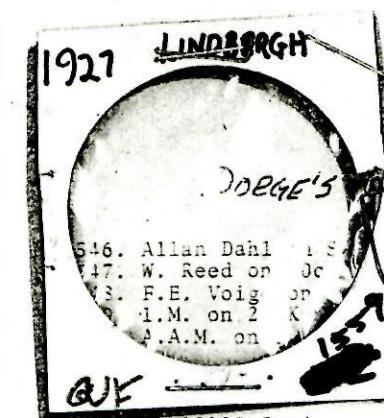
I have \$7.50 in it so will need \$8.00 for postage and insurance.
 One of these days I'll get a nice piece at a low price and make
 a little money on you - Ha!

About all.

Regards,

Bill





MAIL AUCTION 6/26/74

1546. Allan Dahl 1888-1912 5c ore, 1874 Fine
 1547. W. Reed on Oct. 10, 1934 Fine
 1548. F.E. Voigt on 1934 Czech Russian 1811, Fair
 1549. 1.M. on 2 K. 1934air (cleaned) Russian
 1550. 4.A.M. on 1934air 1867 V.G. holed

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----REGULAR COINS!!!!

1551. 5¢ 1912S Good.
 1552. 5¢ 1914D G/VG
 1553. 10¢ 1925-S Abt. Good
 1554. 1 Reale Mexican about 1770 holed poor.

1555. 1941 B.T. Washington B.U.
 1556. 1941 S.B. proof set-orig. Envel
 1557. Same as preceding

A SMALL BUT NICE GROUP OF AIRPLANE MEDALS

1558. Spanish Cincic resetas, thick Nickel V.RARE 37mm
 1559. 1927 Lindbergh, headright 32mm V. Rare in Term. Silver Proof 1875
 1560. Amelia Earhart, first across Atlantic 1928, silver 37mm, V.F.
 1561. Same as 1560, Gilt, UNC.
 1562. Same as 1560, Gilt, V.F.-E.F.
 1563. Small Lindbergh, Good Luck (1927) BR, 37mm, V.F.
 1564. Von Richthofen, Kuchli, Fitzmaurice, West to East flight 1918,
 Brass, 31mm V.RARE UNC.
 1565. National Air Race, Cleveland 1929, Brass, Abt V. 31mm. RARE
 1566. Zeppelin obv. Dr. H. Fockener facing, flights of Amerikaflieger 1914
 includ. 1919 Lakehurst, SILVER Proof 35mm. Gilt and in Demand!

SPORTS RELATED MATERIAL

1567. 1932 Olympics, small token like restrike Calif. 3d piece
 (s, bear Rev. I) supposed to be 10K Gold, not gilt. V.F.
 1568. PENN RELAY CARNIVAL (Franklin seated eng. 1933 SILVER EF 38mm.
 1569. NY 4th July 1916 Athletic Cel. Statue Liberty. 3d filled, 35mm
 EF First seen (with loop)
 1570. 16th Division Camp Boxing Champ. 1923 Gilt, etaz. 36mm EF
 1571. Garden State Park (NJ) 25th Anniv 1967 Alum EF 31mm.
 1572. Indianapolis Speedway Heavy uniface medal, well struck, well en-
 graved, circa 1920. Bz by J.E. Smith EF 45mm V.F.
 1573. Oct. Engr. SILVER medal, pres J. A. Goodall, Bellwood, Ont. Obv.
 sports VF-EF Rare 38mm.
 1574. Oct Silver medal for Broadjump, unengraved, struck 34mm VF
 1574A. Pres. by A. G. Spaulding to North Wellington B.S.L. 1915 Silver,
 looped EF. 30 mm. Obv. is well engraved ball science.
 1574B. Pres. by Spaulding to J.A. Goodall Bell wood (Int) Obv. shows
 baseball. Silver, E.F. 38 x 42 mm.
 1574C. HOME RUN TOBACCO baseball player obv. Rev. MFP'D BY / S. HERNSEIM
 BROS/ & CO/ LTD/ NEW ORLEANS. Vulcanite Compr. RARE 31mm YELLOW EF
 1574D. Same as preceding, but blue in color E.F.
 1574E. Same as preceding, but white in color E. F.
 1574F. Same as preceding, but maroon in color E.F.
 1574G. Lots 1574C thru F as one (4 pcs) Ex. rare as set.

ANOTHER FIRST--OBSOLETE, FRACTIONAL AND UNUSUAL PAPER ITEMS INCLUDING A UNIQUE BANK NOTE PRINTING PLATE

1575. \$10 Copper printing plate for UNION BANK OF BOSTON, 179-. Bank listed
 by Wismer but not of this design. Eric Newman thinks may be a con-
 temporary counterfeit, we feel it may be a resisted SAMPLE submitted
 to bank. Reverse of plate has S. HILL scratched in and date 1797.
 Hill was an engraver on Cornhill 1799-1800. With plate is photo
 copies of bank authorizations, etc. Guaranteed contemporary. Only
 recent record for similar item was \$1200 for a S.G. Colonial plate

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* Transfer tokens; Old Military; Brewery; Real Estate
* and rare old tokens of most all States.

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April 3, 1976

Dear Mary:

I just found one of the nicest old pin-backs of Lindberg that I have seen. I will describe it as follows:

First, it is in almost uncirculated condition. It is a round, 50¢ size, celluloid with white back ground, a gold horseshoe, Lindberg's picture in black and white with "PLUCKY LINDY" underneath the picture. Below that is a red, white and blue ribbon. Attached to the pin is a cloth flag of the U.S. in red, white and blue. It could hardly be more perfect.

I would have to have \$12.50 for it. And, of course, with the guarantee that you will be pleased with it.

Tell Ag I got his last letter and am still working on the C.C.C. token. He had some great luck with his finds at the show.

Regards,

Bill

C O P Y

April 7, 1976

Dear Bill,

Nice to hear from you again.

I certainly do appreciate you being on the look-out for Lindbergh items for me. So far, I've needed every one that you've found. Please keep it up.

My check of \$12.50 is enclosed for the Lindbergh pin-back that you found for me. From your description, it does indeed sound like a very desirable piece -- and one which is missing from my collection of Lindberghiana.

Again, Bill, many thanks for thinking of me.

Regards,

Mary Wahlberg
1671 San Lucas Road
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Saks Fifth Avenue

490 S. PALM CANYON DR.
PALM SPRINGS, CAL. 92262
714-325-7231

DID
NOT
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August 20, 1978

Dear Bill,

Thanks for thinking of me but I can't use the aluminum metal. From your tracing it does indeed look nice; however, it's out of my field of specialization.

The May 12, 1926 metal from St. Joseph is from CAM 3 (Contract Air Mail Route No. 3, Chicago to Dallas), and my Lindberghiana field includes only CAM 2 (Route No. 2, Chicago to St. Louis).

Again, Bill, thank you,

My best regards,

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August 16, 1978

Dear Mary:

Knowing your interest in Lindberg items I thought you may be interested in the enclosed.

It is one of the nicest little aluminum metals I have seen and the detail is superb. It is almost mint.

Let me know right away if you can use it.

Regards,

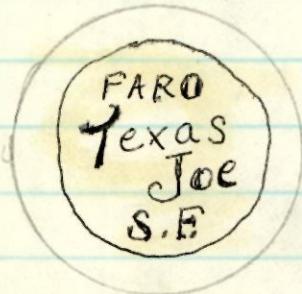
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Dear Agnes

I have a few gambling tokens that I'll list for you.

- 1) ob Cercle des Etrangers Monaco MC (Monte Carlo) rev S BM 100 round brass (Silver dollar size)
- 2) ob Brown Composition with center inlaid with Gold like metal design 40 nc (Monte Carlo) dollar size rev Same
- 3) ob Casino Municipal Enghien 100 red round composition rev Same Dollar size black indentation both sides
- 4) ob Societe Des Baines Des Mer Monaco #26651 5 rev Same. Green, red, & Gold color. When held up to the light you can see through (very pretty) Half dollar size

~~OB~~ Couldnt find this one.



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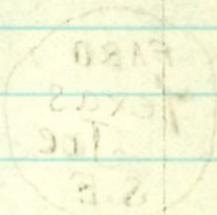
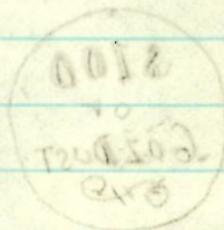
its nicely engraved
I don't do it justice

I bid on a few N.Y items from C+S and don't know how sucessfull I'll be
#156 175A 321 464 687 692-700 705
784. I was ~~do~~ trying to get a few
FDR pieces together to make a display

I have a few and need a couple more.
The Prima beers taken to lists us & in
to good a shape. Hope the Corning Tokens
are new to you.

Gold Collecting
Herb Zilber

Herb Zilber Apt. 6B
140-6 Alcott Place
Bronx, New York 10475



March 24th 71

Dear Agnes

Received the eight pieces from C & S listing and thanks. The Texas Toe piece is \$100 and not \$1.00, for 8oz of Gold & it would have been about \$100 in those days. I doubt whether another one of these exists today. I didn't want to give this piece up so easily for an eastern collector saw it and made a fantastic offer then. He was a gold collector and wanted it to fit in with his gold collection. At that time it was not for sale, so you see how I feel about this piece. Also have four other gaming pieces (no names) just denominators, if interested. C & S prices are too high for me and I rarely get a piece from them. The five tokens are on their way under separate cover

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AIR MAIL

AGNAR WATHBERG
432 U.S COURT House
Los ANGELES California
90012

3/18/71

Dear Agnes

The La Guardia Air Field token is an admission to the observation deck to watch the planes landing and taking off. Of course it is now obsolete and was probably used when the field first opened. I have a few of these somewhere hidden away with the rest of my goodies. Since I moved I can't put my hand on anything. I spoke to the Westchester County Jail officers via phone last week and none of the old timers remember them. The token should be placed in the same period as the Sing Sing & City Prison Manhattan, & Brooklyn Tokens (my guess) I don't subscribe to the Numismatist Scrapbook so I guess I'll miss it. Still working on the City Prison Queens & token and Tombs octagon Brass. No luck as yet. A Midwesterner is trying to buy up a N.Y collection. I'm hoping there may be a token or two among them that may break the ice. I have a few admissions

tokens from the Hayden planetarium in
N.Y. These are a bit scarce for I've
never seen them listed. There is no
end to collecting for new items keeps
popping up all the time. Hal Dunn
purchased a few Ariz + Alaska pieces
from my collection. I guess they were
tough pieces. Guess that's all for now
Good Collecting
Herb Zeller

Herb--
Can we get some
facts for a short story
on these plus yours
My

Herb Zilber Apt. 6B
140-6 Alcott Place
Bronx, New York 10475



AGNAR WAHLBERG
432 U.S. COURTHOUSE
Los ANGELES, California
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4 March 17, 1971
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7 Dear Herb:
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12 Under separate cover is going forward the
13 pieces that you bid on at C&S auction. I got
14 all but one for you, the first one, No. 156, and
15 evidently somebody called in after I did and
16 picked it up. It was around \$7.00 when I called
17 in so it must have been popular. In fact, I lost
18 two of my own, which is very unusual for me. Some
19 last minute bids must have come in and went over
20 me.

21 I made a deal in my letter of March 3 that I
22 would trade the gaming tokens you listed for the
23 ones you bid on, and I will stick by it. I believe
24 you listed four, plus the Faro Texas Joe, S. F.,
25 \$1.00 or gold dust. If you don't want to make a
trade, then just send me what you bid on them.
Think I will make a Xerox copy of your letter so
it will be easy to remember what you said.

16 Regards,
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April 1, 1971

Dear Herb:

The tokens came today and I am very happy with them. I know how you felt about the \$100. chip; it is beautiful. I appreciate it very much and intend to make it up to you. When the next C&S auction comes out perhaps I can.

In the meantime, am very busy on income tax as well as at work and haven't had much time to do anything, but once the 15th of April is gone will be in the groove again.

But I did want to let you know they arrived and to thank you for them.

Regards,

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4 February 22, 1971
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6 Dear Herb:
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8 Welcome back and hope you had a nice vacation.
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10 Am enclosing herewith the copy you asked me to
11 re your Nevada and Arizona tokens. Have made copies
12 and mailed them to a couple of collectors in Nevada
13 and one in Arizona. If they like anything they will
14 contact you direct.

15 February 19-21 we had the Southern California
16 Numismatist Convention here in Los Angeles and I spent
17 all day Saturday there. Got quite a few goodies, and
18 some traders, but didn't see anything from New York.

19 You mention an unusual California piece, probably
20 a gambling chit, and I am very interested in either
21 seeing it or a rubbing or description. Chances are I
22 would be pleased to buy it if it is for sale. I do
23 have some people I know who might be able to give me
24 some information on it; besides I do collect gaming
25 tokens and this would fit in very nicely I think.

26 Don't know if you have Christensen & Stone's
27 new auction list, but if you do and there is anything
28 you like on it, let me know. I can probably get it.

29 Just found out there is a one dollar of the golding
30 anniversary set of George Jr Republic that I didn't know
31 about. That makes the set 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and
32 \$1.00. Mention it just for your information.

33 Regards,
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Dear Herb:

Received your last letter and appreciate your taking the time to describe the gaming tokens you have. All of them are new to me, although I do not actively collect foreign gaming tokens, when I run across them I get them, and of course the California token is unusual.

I note the pieces you bid for in the C&S auction, and if you are interested I will get them and make a trade with you for the gaming tokens you have listed. Even if you don't wish to make this trade, I will see that you get them anyway.

Note you are interested in FDR tokens, and if I see any at any of the shows, will look out for you. Give me an idea of what you have so I don't duplicate anything, although I have not seen many, I must admit.

Regards,